

Application No.: 10/660,126
Amendments dated August 8, 2005
Response

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): In combination with a banking establishment, an apparatus for teaching banking procedures to children, the apparatus comprising:

- (a) a plurality of teller windows at least one of which comprises a children's window which includes a lowered counter that is accessible to a child of small stature to allow the child to deposit and withdraw money from the banking establishment, each of said children's window, including side panels provided with illustrations attractive to children;
- (b) a publication designed to teach children banking procedures;
- (c) a savings book usable by the child to record deposits and withdrawals of money from the bank, said savings book having a cover provided with illustrations attractive to the child;

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(d) a portable bank designed to retain money therewithin for use in transporting the money to the banking establishment and for retrieval by the child at the teller window accessible to the child;

(e) a plurality of toys designed to provide incentives to the child to save money and to be awarded to the child upon attainment of said savings goals;
and

~~(e)(f)~~ a publication designed to establish a plurality of savings goals by awarding at least one of said plurality of toys upon attaining at least one of said plurality of savings goals; ~~and.~~

~~(f) — a plurality of toys designed to provide incentives to the child to save money and to be awarded to the child upon attainment of said savings goals.~~

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The apparatus as defined in claim 7 6 in which said portable bank comprises a portable bank in the general shape of a small pig.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for teaching children the rudiments of banking and the importance of savings through use of an apparatus comprising a children's teller window, a publication describing how banks operate, a children's

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savings book, a portable savings bank, a savings incentive chart, and a plurality of prizes, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) permitting the child access to said children's teller window;
- (b) providing to the child said children's savings book;
- (c) teaching the child how to use said children's savings bank;
- ~~(e)~~(d) providing to the child said savings incentive chart;
- ~~(d)~~(e) providing to the child said portable savings bank; ~~and~~
- (f) providing to the child a publication describing how banks operate; and
- ~~(e)~~(g) allowing the child to view said plurality of prizes and explaining to the child the steps to be followed prior to being awarded a selected one of said plurality of prizes.

Claim 10 -11 (canceled)